

REMARKS

Claims 63, 64-68, 75-77, 79-81, 83, 86-92, 120 and 121 are currently pending, of which claims 63, 120 and 121 are in independent form.

No amendments have been made to the claims in this supplemental response.

Applicant appreciates the comments by the Examiner during the Interview of July 25, 2008 in respect of the outstanding Notice. Responsive thereto, Applicant is submitting this supplemental response. Entry of the present supplemental response and the April 28, 2008 Prior Response is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration of the present application as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Double Patenting Rejections

In the Office Action of November 27, 2007, various double patenting rejections continued to be maintained over U.S. Patent No. 6,701,378 as well as over co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/928,983 and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/671,162 (collectively referred to as "double patenting references"). Without acquiescing in the correspondence drawn between the claim sets, Applicant has enclosed herewith applicable

terminal disclaimers in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 with respect to the allegedly double patenting references. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending double-patenting rejections have been overcome or obviated hereby.

By way of the present supplemental response, Applicant is submitting herewith a complete listing of the pending claims, including updated status identifiers. It is therefore believed that Applicant's cumulative response is in compliance.

To the extent necessary, applicable, or both, all arguments and/or claim amendments set forth in the April 28, 2008 Prior Response are incorporated by reference herein.

Fee Statement

Compared to the highest number previously paid for, the number of independent claims has not increased and the total number of claims has not increased. No extension of time is being sought. Applicant is filling herewith three terminal disclaimers. Accordingly, payment via electronic filing is being authorized in the applicable amount(s). Applicant believes no further fees are due for the filing of this response. If any additional fees are due or any overpayments have been made, however, please charge or credit our deposit account (Deposit Account No. 03-1130).

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to favorably consider the present patent application and advance the prosecution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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